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Early week prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, prices were higher on all sizes. Throughout the week in most locations, prices remained unchanged on all sizes. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was in a full range of fair to good. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to instances tight. Cold temperatures, ice and more snow fall throughout most of the country continue to disrupt transportation and deliveries for all egg channels. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Most breakers were working 4 days due to the previous holiday and schedules were reduced for next week for the New Year holiday. Weather related trucking problems were slowing some deliveries, but usually didn't seriously affect breaking line times. Most breakers worked from regular commitments while breakers in need continued to bid lower prices for heavy nest runs. Floor stocks were balanced to at least adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady. Light type hens were sufficient for reduced slaughter requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	129-131	126-128	85-87
New York	104-106	101-104	83-86
Philadelphia	100-104	98-102	81.5-83
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	96-97	94.5-96	77-78
Jackson (1)	104-105	103-104	86-87
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	99-114	98-112	79-93
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	92-97	91-96	72-77
Detroit (2)	89-92	88-91	68-71
Major Ohio Cities (2)	89-96	88-94	69-75
Major Wisconsin Cities	93-100	91-98	72-79
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	107-110	104-106	85-87
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	131	123	107
(1) - Prices reported weekly (2) - Delivered Warehouse (3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	102.00	99.63	82.99
SOUTHERN	95.58	93.87	76.10
MIDWEST	89.52	88.27	71.03
WESTERN	118.97	113.37	98.73
TWELVE METRO AREAS	104.68	101.44	85.31

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO
PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES
EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-26-00	12-19-00	12-28-99
Large	71-73	67-69	50-52
Medium	51-53	49-51	32-34

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Dec 25,2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	19.3	4.6	12.5	8.5	53.6
	Change	-1.8	0.2	-1.6	-3.0	1.1	-9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.0	29.4	8.0	21.4	19.6	94.4
	Change	-7.5	-1.6	-1.6	-1.9	1.3	-11%
Large	Curr Wk	25.3	74.8	41.5	52.4	69.6	263.6
	Change	-13.6	7.2	-1.7	-31.0	-23.2	-19%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.4	26.2	9.8	15.1	17.8	80.3
	Change	-0.6	-3.3	-0.8	-0.6	-1.6	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	5.4	1.5	5.2	2.8	17.5
	Change	-1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.3	-2.1	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	8.6	18.0	9.0	19.3	4.7	59.6
	Change	2.3	-5.6	0.1	1.5	-0.3	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	41.1	20.7	19.1	33.5	135.6
	Change	-2.3	7.1	0.6	-0.9	-1.4	2%
Total	Curr Wk	93.8	214.2	95.1	145.0	156.5	704.6
Percent	Change	-21%	2%	-5%	-20%	-14%	-11%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	704.6	-11%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	358.7	0%	39
Total Shell Egg	1063.3	-8%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Dec-00

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,003,656	23,885	9,131	5,146	2,167	3,713
PW	1,013,161	24,362	9,159	4,899	1,838	3,594
LY	943,423	21,082	9,313	5,268	2,205	3,226
% PW	-1	-2	0	5	18	3
% LY	6	13	-2	-2	-2	15
2000	59,193,934	1,352,109	614,356	316,421	139,115	198,796
1999	57,295,792	1,317,436	547,955	302,008	131,132	182,814

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.72	41.47	41.22

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 23-Dec-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	229.2	-3	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	535.1	-2	12
W.N. CENTRAL	260.6	-4	10
S. ATLANTIC	221.5	0	1
S. CENTRAL	79.6	-1	-73
WEST	228.4	2	7
TOTAL	1554.4	-1	-8

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

90

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STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Dec 16	Dec 23	Dec 16	Dec 23
	Thousand			
AL	28,202	28,154	21,374	22,008
AR	29,661	29,424	23,334	22,751
DE	*3,936	3,997	*4,237	5,118
FL	2,469	2,447	2,142	2,328
GA	30,635	30,954	*24,944	24,987
MD	*8,363	8,372	*5,665	5,512
MS	18,092	18,159	15,244	14,969
NC	18,332	18,199	*14,152	14,376
PA	3,564	3,704	*2,572	2,880
SC	4,867	4,749	4,199	3,961
TX	14,425	14,478	11,554	11,362
VA	6,103	6,209	*5,536	4,884
CA, TN, & WV	10,894	11,013	*9,827	9,834
15 State Total	*179,543	179,859	*144,780	144,970
Previous Year	181,050	180,335	144,828	143,292
Pct. of Prev.	99	100	100	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 146.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.11 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/21-27/00

	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	74.90	79.63	77.13	77.88	77.00	—	37.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	46.50	53.50	6.00
GL W XL	—	—	85.00	89.25	76.12	—	25.50
GL W LG	—	88.73	—	86.00	75.65	—	17.75
GL W MD	—	—	64.75	66.50	—	—	10.75
GL W SM	26.00	30.00	30.92	32.27	—	—	5.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.00	42.95	24.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-Dec-00

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW LY
ATLANTA	34.9	30.1	16 5
BOSTON	3.7	3.4	9 -12
CHICAGO	68.2	55.2	24 16
DETROIT	34.5	29.8	16 -15
KANSAS CITY	4.4	4.4	0 -15
LOS ANGELES	122.7	100.6	22 27
NEW ORLEANS	10.3	9.7	6 -21
NEW YORK	38.6	36.7	5 -11
ST. LOUIS	18.7	20.3	-8 18
SAN FRANCISCO	28.7	24.5	17 11
TOTAL	364.7	314.7	16 8
4 WK MVG AVG	329.9		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
AVG WT	15.28	34.59	26.23	29.80	26.34
LAST WEEK	2,124	2,798	66	26	5,014
SAME WK YR AGO	2,967 (B)		21	59	3,047
AVG WT	26.58 (B)		25.14	27.47	26.58
TO-DATE/2000	250,113 (B)		1,814	1,265	253,192
TO-DATE/1999	245,994 (B)		761	1,916	248,671

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

(B) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—				FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG		RSTR	BANDED		AVG
HEAD	PW	WT		---THOUSAND HEAD---			WT
N EAST	834	-1	22.50	(A)	(A)	838	22.50
S ATL	879	-5	27.51	(A)	(A)	883	27.51
N CENT	1,873	-16	30.28	(A)	(A)	1,877	30.28
S CENT	522	35	21.24	(A)	(A)	526	21.24
WEST	603	1	22.15	(A)	(A)	607	22.15
U.S.TOTAL	4,711(B)	-6	26.34	0	20	4,731	26.34
TO DATE							
2000	251,761(B)			166	1,265	253,192	
TO DATE							
1999	246,700(B)			55	1,916	248,671	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 57,000; for the year 1,814,000; last year to date 761,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	148,274 (A)	1,364	1,176	2,540	545
AVG WT	5.14	3.96	7.09	5.41	6.39
LAST WEEK	148,530	1,900	1,202	3,102	566
YR AGO	117,493	1,694	1,052	2,746	456
AVG WT	5.05	3.48	7.67	5.05	6.38
TO-DATE/2000	7,820,313	95,642	72,963	168,605	23,196
TO-DATE/1999	7,659,252	105,174	72,767	177,941	22,565

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 141.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.1 million head or 8.8 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Dec-00

	CURRENT WEEK 12/30/00(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/23/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	124,115(2)	155,650
LT HENS	1,318	1,329
HVY HENS	745	1,190
TOTAL	126,178	158,169

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Dec-00 is 137.1 million head compared to 129.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 124.4 million head or 12.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 06-Jan-01 the estimated available is 139.4 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED**FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 18	150.7	144.4	104	5.06
25	112.9	143.2	79	5.20
DECEMBER 2	148.1	145.6	102	4.93
9	153.6	148.2	104	5.17
16	150.3	146.1	103	5.18
23	150.1	141.3	106	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	7917.7	7770.7	102	
DECEMBER 30		137.1		
JANUARY 6		139.4		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES
FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from 25-Dec-00	18-Dec-00	18-Dec-00	27-Dec-99
	56.21	-0.47	56.68	57.91

NUMBER OF LOADS 510

MONTHLY	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
DECEMBER	57.23	2,324.20

QUARTERLY

OCTOBER-DECEMBER	57.56	7,624.00
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YEARLY

2000	56.12	33,142.00
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READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT
SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED
B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF
12/25-12/30/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	48.00-52.00	50.32	39	53.22	67
Los Angeles	66.00	63.92	67	60.91	117
New York	44.00-47.00	46.00	24	52.03	51

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES,
COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS
PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-65	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of
1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -
SELECTED STGE CENTERS**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 26-Dec-00	4,422	70,080	73,018
AM 1-Dec-00	4,435	71,624	75,849
CHG	-13	-1544	-2831
PCT CHG	0	-2	-4

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE			
12/25/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	4-8.5(1)	5.5-7.75	6.00
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	4.5-10(1)	6-8	7.17
LIGHT TYPE			
12/22/00			
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 (2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)	.25	

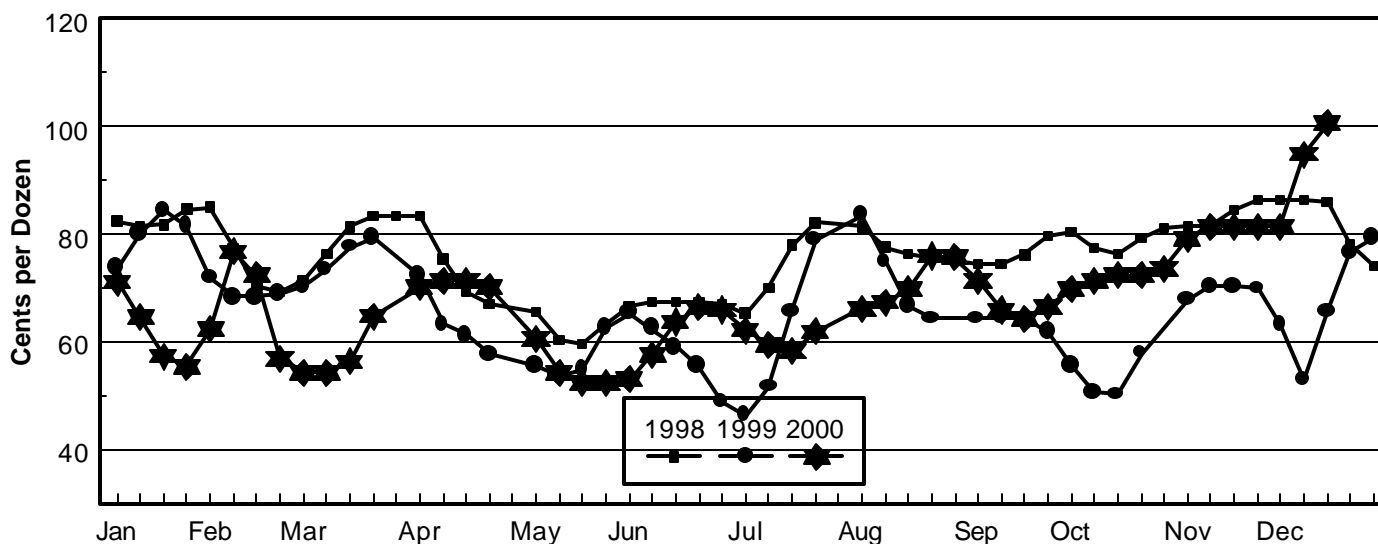
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

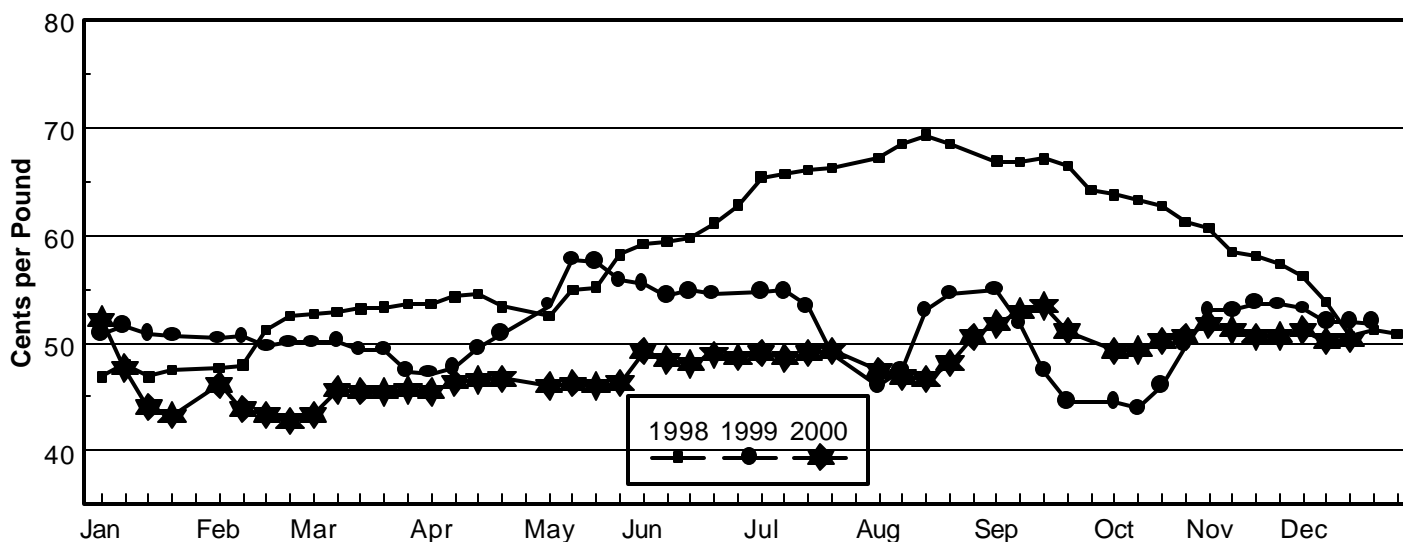
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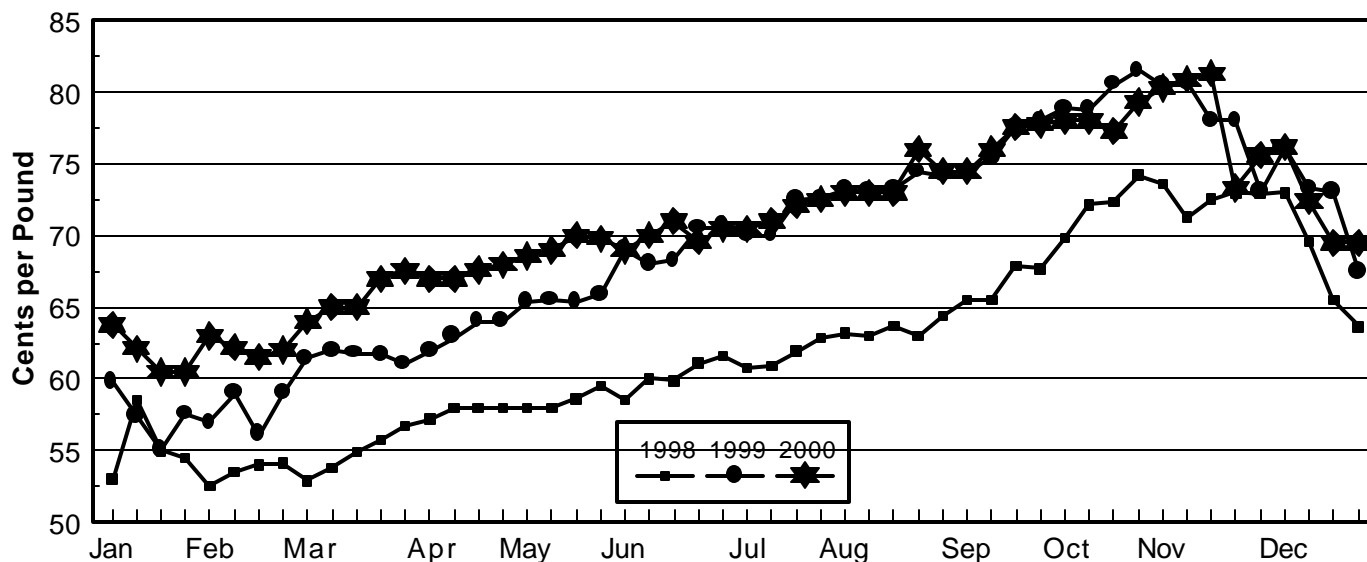
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.